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This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3) to supplement the Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 20, 2001.

In accordance with their duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, applicants would like to direct the Examiner's attention to the disclosures which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 (**Exhibit 1**), and attached hereto as **Exhibits 2-10**:

1. U.S. Patent No. 6,221,613, issued April 24, 2001, Salon, et al. (**Exhibit 2**);
2. U.S. Patent No. 6,221,616, issued April 24, 2001, Salon, et al. (**Exhibit 3**);
3. U.S. Patent No. 6,291,195, issued September 18, 2001, Salon, et al. (**Exhibit 4**);
4. Salon, John, et al., DNA Encoding A Human Melanin Concentrating Hormone Receptor (MCH1) And Uses Thereof.

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United States Application Serial No. 09/885,478, filed June 20, 2001. (**Exhibit 5**);

5. Borowsky, Beth, et al., DNA Encoding A Human Melanin Concentrating Hormone Receptor (MCH1) And Uses Thereof. United States Application Serial No. 09/899,732, filed July 5, 2001 (**Exhibit 6**);
6. PCT International Publication No. WO 98/15570, Gerald, et al., issued April 16, 1998 (**Exhibit 7**);
7. Burgaud, et al., "Melanin-concentrating hormone binding sites in human SVK14 keratinocytes," (1997) 241(3): 622-629 (**Exhibit 8**);
8. GenEmbl Accession No. P97639, "Cloning of the rat brain cDNA encoding for the SLC-1 G protein-coupled receptor reveals the presence of an intron in the gene," Lakaye, B., et al., published November 1, 1997 (**Exhibit 9**); and
9. GenEmbl Accession No. Q99705, "Homo sapiens somatostatin receptor-like protein (GPR24) gene," Kolakowski, L.F. et al., published November 1, 1997 (**Exhibit 10**).

The references listed above as **Exhibits 7-8** were cited in an European Search issued July 23, 2002 in connection with EP 99 96 9993, a foreign counterpart of the subject application. A copy of this search report is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. The references listed above as **Exhibits 9-10** were cited in an International Search Report issued June 19, 2002 in connection with PCT International Application No. PCT/US01/21350, a foreign counterpart of the subject application. A copy of this search report is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.

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If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

Applicants are filing this Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3) before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits. Accordingly, no fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. However, if a fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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